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RE: Streeterville Thorium

Dear Mr. Dombrowski:

In response to your letter dated November 29, 2011, the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) has reviewed the information and subsequent emails regarding the classification and disposal options available for thorium contaminated soils and debris generated from construction activities in the area of Chicago known as Streeterville. Based on our review of the information, IEMA believes the June 4, 1996 letter from Richard Allen, Illinois Department of Nuclear Safety (predecessor to IEMA-DNS), referenced by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, predates the decisions by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to segregate their regulation of materials classified as 11(e) 2 byproduct into pre-1978 and material licensed and regulated by the NRC or Agreement States.

IEMA recognizes and acknowledges that the thorium byproduct materials in the Streeterville area were produced prior to 1978. IEMA's position is that these pre-1978 11(e) 2 byproduct materials may be transported to and disposed at any facility appropriately licensed and/or permitted to receive such materials.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact me at (217) 782-1329.

Sincerely,

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